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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: SAUDI - PDRY RELATIONS

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1. DURING CALL APRIL 3 BY AMBASSADOR AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER, FONMIN SAUD CONFIRMED THAT POSSIBLE OPENING OF EMBASSIES AND EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS WOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA BY PDRY FONMIN MUTIE. SAUD EXPRESSED CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM ABOUT COURSE OF NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH PDRY. SAG WOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE PDRY TO MODERATE ITS POLICIES, AND SPECIFICALLY TO END ITS INTERFERENCE IN OMAN. HE OFFERED NO PREDICTIONS ON THESE COUNTS PENDING THE MUTIE VISIT AND SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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2. SOBER VOICED OUR HOPES FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE SAG

EFFORT TO HELP MODERATE PDRY POLICY THROUGH ITS DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE SAG'S VIEWS AS THIS EFFORT PROGRESSES. RECALLING EARLY DISCUSSIONS WITH SAUD, SOBER SAID WE HAVE HAD NO FEELERS OURSELVES FROM PDRY REGARDING THE POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS, AND THERE WAS NOTHING NEW IN THIS REGARD SINCE THE SUBJECT WAS LAST DISCUSSED WITH SAUD. HE ADDED THAT WE ARE IN NO HURRY, ARE NOT PRESSING ISSUE, AND ARE AWAITING SAG'S ADVICE. SAUD SAID HE APPRECIATED OUR POSITION ON THIS MATTER AND HE WOULD WISH TO GIVE US HIS VIEWS WHEN THE PROBABLE COURSE OF SAUDI-PDRY RELATIONSHIP BECOMES CLEARER AND HE IS IN POSITION TO GIVE SOME SUGGESTIONS TO US.
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